

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. An accounting system comprising:
a part reporting registration
certification to an accounting server from a
terminal device when contents to be charged for are
10 accessed in the terminal device which is previously
registered in said accounting server;

a part confirming properlity of the
reported registration certification in said
accounting server, and performing fee charging; and

15 a part, when the properlity of the
registration certification is confirmed, reporting
permission of access to the contents, from said
accounting server to said terminal device, and
making the contents accessible in said terminal
20 device.

25 2. An accounting method comprising the
steps of:

a) reporting registration certification to
an accounting server from a terminal device when
contents to be charged for are accessed in said
30 terminal device which is previously registered in
said accounting server;

b) confirming properlity of the reported
registration certification in said accounting server,
and performing fee charging; and

35 c) when the properlity of the registration
certification is confirmed, reporting permission of
access to the contents, from said accounting server

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to said terminal device, and making the contents accessible in said terminal device.

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3. An accounting method comprising the steps of:

- 10 a) determining whether or not a condition for accessing contents is satisfied, when the contents are accessed; and
- b) enabling the access to the contents when the condition for accessing the contents is satisfied, and enabling the access to the contents
- 15 after performing fee charging when the condition for accessing the contents is not satisfied.

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4. An accounting method comprising the steps of:

- a) determining whether or not a condition for accessing contents is satisfied;
- 25 b) reporting fee charging to an accounting server when the condition for accessing the contents is not satisfied; and
- c) updating from said accounting server the condition for accessing the contents into a
- 30 condition such that the contents can be accessed.

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5. An accounting method comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving a certificate previously

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issued for registration information of a terminal device, and determining whether or not the certificate is valid;

- 5 b) transmitting the determination result
of said step a) to said terminal device, generating
information indicating that a condition for
accessing contents is satisfied when the
determination result is that the certificate is
valid, and transmitting the generated information to
10 said terminal device; and
 c) charging said terminal device.

- 15 6. A content executing device comprising:
 a determining part determining whether or
not a condition for accessing contents is satisfied,
when the contents are accessed; and
20 an access control part enabling the access
to the contents when the condition for accessing the
contents is satisfied as a result of the
determination by said determining part, and enabling
the access to the contents after performing fee
25 charging when the condition for accessing the
contents is not satisfied.

- 30 7. An accounting monitoring device
comprising:
 a determining part determining whether or
not a condition for accessing contents is satisfied;
35 an accounting reporting part reporting fee
charging to an accounting server when the condition
for accessing the contents is not satisfied as a

result of the determination result of said
determining part; and

5 a updating part updating, by a condition
for accessing the contents, provided from said
accounting server, the condition for accessing the
contents so that the contents can be accessed.

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8. The accounting monitoring device as
claimed in claim 7, wherein said determining part,
accounting reporting part and updating part are
achieved on an OS of a terminal device.

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20 9. An accounting control device
comprising:

a certificate determining part receiving a
certificate previously issued for registration
information of a terminal device, and determining
whether or not the certificate is valid;

25 an information updating part transmitting
the determination result from said certificate
determining part to said terminal device, generating
information indicating that a condition for
accessing contents is satisfied when the
30 determination result is that the certificate is
valid, and transmitting the generated information to
said terminal device; and

an accounting part charging said terminal
device.

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10. A computer-readable recording medium storing therein a program causing a computer to execute the steps of;

5 a) determining whether or not a condition for accessing contents is satisfied, when the contents are accessed; and

10 b) enabling the access to the contents when the condition for accessing the contents is satisfied as a result of the determination made in said step a), and enabling the access to the contents after performing fee charging when the condition for accessing the contents is not satisfied.

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11. A computer-readable recording medium storing therein a program causing a computer to execute the steps of;

20 a) determining whether or not a condition for accessing contents is satisfied;

25 b) reporting fee charging to an accounting server when the condition for accessing the contents is not satisfied as a result of the determination in said step a); and

30 c) updating, by a condition for accessing the contents, provided from said accounting server, the condition for accessing the contents so that the contents can be accessed.

35 12. The recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said steps a), b) and c) are executed on an operating system of said computer.

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13. A computer-readable recording medium storing therein a program causing a computer to execute the steps of;

- 5 a) receiving a certificate previously issued for registration information of a terminal device, and determining whether or not the certificate is valid;
- 10 b) transmitting the determination result of said step a) to said terminal device, generating information indicating that a condition for accessing contents is satisfied when the determination result is that the certificate is valid, and transmitting the generated information to said terminal device; and
- 15 c) charging said terminal device.

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